

# Quake Kills 15 Baptists; Relief On the way

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GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala (BP) — At least 15 Baptists are known to be dead, many Baptist families are homeless, and two

Baptist churches were damaged and one destroyed in the devastating earthquake which hit here Feb. 4.

All 23 Southern Baptist Convention missionaries in Guatemala are reported safe, according to A. Clark Scanlon, the Southern

Baptist Foreign Mission Board's field representative for Middle America stationed in the capital city.

The Foreign Mission Board has released \$25,000 in relief funds, according to Charles W. Bryan, the board's secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean. The funds will be used for corn, beans, rice, medicine, charcoal, wood and plastic sheets for makeshift shelters for the many left homeless.

Additional funds will be forthcoming based on recommendations from missionaries and a survey team now on the way to Guatemala. The survey team is composed of Foreign Mission Board staff members, Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant; W. L. (Wimpy) Smith, associate disaster response coordinator; and Charles E. Warren, senior editor of press relations. Warren will provide on-the-spot press coverage.

The Baptist Disaster Coordinating Committee of Guatemala has requested 500 tents to house six-member families. The tents will be flown immediately to the city by Taca Airlines, according to Bryan, and will be distributed by the Baptist Cultural Association of Guatemala.

tion of Guatemala.

The worst damage in the city appeared to be in Zone 3 which includes damage to Macedonia and Bethel Baptist Churches. Relief efforts are being carried out through the churches despite the damage.

In the village of Tecpan (about 50 miles west of the capital) a Baptist church was completely destroyed.

The most intense force of the quake seemed to be about 30 miles west of the city in the village of Chimaltenango, Scanlon said. The village reportedly was greatly affected.

In El Progreso (about 60 miles northeast of the city) 400 are thought to be dead, although entry has not been made there.

(Early reports from Coban (about 75 miles north of Guatemala City) indicated Southern Baptist missionaries were safe, but no damage estimates were reported. Bridges are down and roads are inaccessible to these areas, Scanlon reported.

The board has four missionary (Continued on page 2)



Guatemala City — A boy stands near his mother and brother in the rubble of what was their home until the areas was devastated by an earthquake.

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### SS Board

## Trustees Set Priorities

NASHVILLE (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, in their semi-annual meeting here, set priorities for the future, prepared responses to motions referred to the agency by the Southern Baptist Convention

and acted on a concern of the SBC's Committee of Fifteen.

Responding to an address by President Grady C. Cothen calling for priorities for the board dictated by the mission of the agency and the nature of the times, trustees

voted to emphasize four critical concerns during the years immediately ahead. They are to provide in-depth Bible study for the masses, to equip "the saints" (Christians) for spiritual growth and ministry, to support and enrich family life, and to encourage and aid pastors, church staffs and their families.

Trustees prepared responses to the SBC concerning matters of reference related to the board's program of "Cooperative Work with State Conventions," the addition of an item to the church letter, and help for pastors and

others in church vocations who have marital, family and vocational difficulties.

Action taken on an item noted by the SBC's new - defined study Committee of Fifteen provided for full vesting in the Sunday School Board's retirement plan after seven years of service rather than ten years, effective Jan. 1, 1977.

In other actions, the trustees voted to recommend to the SBC a program statement for a program of family ministry development. Program statement changes will

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### New Curriculum

A new curriculum series providing sequential, systematic study of books of the Bible for Southern Baptist Sunday Schools was approved at the February Sunday School Board trustee meeting here.

Starting with the October, 1978, quarter, the new curriculum series for adults and youth will begin the book-by-book study of the Bible in three year cycles. Portions of the Bible to receive major attention during each three year period will be determined by a previously selected focus on general topic.

Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, called the new curriculum series "one of the most significant steps taken

recently by the board of trustees" to provide Southern Baptists with the often requested book-by-book study of the Bible.

The new curriculum series, tentatively called the Book-by-Book Bible Study Series, will include simple, teacher-oriented methodology and a conservative theological stance. All periodicals related to the series will contain printed Bible text from the King James Version of the Bible.

A. V. Washburn, secretary of the board's Sunday School department, explained that the objective of the series is "to help Baptists explore the message of the Bible through a book-by-book study of the text" instead of a top-

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## Evangelism Conference Hears Inspiring Messages

By Don McGregor

Pastors and others attending the Mississippi Baptist Evangelism Conference last week were on their knees in a season of prayer as the conference closed. Rev. Odean Puckett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Natchez, led the prayer time.

Audiences estimated to be upwards of 1,000, or perhaps about 1,200 the night of the session at Mississippi College, had heard a number of inspirational addresses, which included five sessions of

tion. The night before he had received word from San Diego that one of the deacons in his church, George Stevens, had led Eldridge Cleaver, the former Black Panther leader, to faith in Christ. Cleaver was reported to be in Alameda County jail, when he called for Stevens on Sunday and made his profession. He had his children placed in a Christian school on Monday.

Dr. Lockridge related that Cleaver and Stevens had been together as Black Panthers and that

he noted, is between 41 and 51 per cent. He added that about half of the enrollment will always be absent and that the absentees are as important as those present. A church cannot have 500 present, he said, without also having 500 absent. Then he pointed out that to remove the names of those who are absent simply decreases attendance because only half of the enrollment will be in attendance.

Anderson said, "We are on the verge of the greatest evangelistic swell that the church has ever

growth and optimism" for the agency, as he reported to board trustees in their annual meeting in Dallas.

Funds held in trust topped \$400 million for the first time, president Darold H. Morgan told the group.

The more than \$47 million increase in these funds during 1975 also set a record for any 12 month period, he said.

Other records were established in retirement premiums paid and in total investment income for a year.

A reorganization of the board announced at the meeting is designed to share the executive work load among four senior vice presidents.

Two other decisions will give state trustees of the Southern Baptist

Convention (SBC) Annuity Board more voice in actions of the agency.

The board voted to add 12 state trustees to its executive committee, which formerly included only local trustees, and eliminated the word "local" from Annuity Board bylaws referring to standing committees. State and local trustees will serve on these committees without any special distinction as to where they reside.

In SBC parlance, state trustees come from Baptist state conventions according to total Baptist church membership in each state. States which do not have a certain minimum level of church

membership do not qualify for representation.

Local trustees of SBC agencies include people living in or near the city where the agency they serve is located — Dallas in the case of the Annuity Board.

Morgan said the two decisions, based on recommendations of a trustee long-range review committee, are the board's response to requests within the denomination. There is sentiment for greater participation by state trustees, and less exclusive reliance on local trustees, which has been customary in some phases of an

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## State Religious Educators To Meet In Biloxi Feb. 19

The Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association will hold its thirtieth annual meeting Feb. 19-21 at the Sheraton-Biloxi Motor Inn.

Program personalities will include Leon Castle, consultant for children's work for the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board.

Mancil Ezell, specialist in field services for the Sunday School Department, and Dr. Findley B. Edge, professor of Religious Education, Southern Seminary, Louisville, will also appear on the program.

Dr. Earl Kelly will lead in presenting the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the departments which relate to the church educational programs. Representing their departments will be Bryant Cummings, Sunday School; Marjorie Howell, Brotherhood; Marjean Patterson, WMU; and Norman Rodgers, Church Training.

A banquet Feb. 20, will be held at the First Baptist Church of Ocean Springs. Tickets can be purchased during registration. The cost will be \$3.50 per person. The banquet will develop around the theme "Freedom of Imagination."

Dr. Edge and the musical group

"Charity of Hattiesburg" will be featured at the banquet.

Current officers of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association are Bert Jones, president (First, Laurel); David Roddy, vice-president (First, Jackson); Marilyn Hopkins, Secretary - treasurer (Consultant, Miss. WMU).



Edge



Ezell



Castle

## Doctor of Ministries Tests Not Available Off Campus

Examinational tests required for each doctor of ministries applicant have been scheduled for March 5 at 1 p.m. at New Orleans Seminary.

First indications were that the tests might be available in Jackson, but correspondence from the seminary reveals that no more tests will be given off campus. The test is three to four hours in length.

Dr. Bradford Curry, director of (Continued on page 2)

## SBC Budget Sets One-Month Record



## BWA Sets Up Aid For Earthquake Victims

The Baptist World Alliance is going to transmit \$12,000 in cash to Guatemala Baptists for use in relieving suffering from the earthquake on Feb. 4.

Appeals have gone out from the BWA for additional funds to be channeled to victims in the Central American countries. Carl W. Tiller, BWA Relief Coordinator, said that \$2,000 in this instant response were drawn from the emergency fund on the day of the earthquake. This fund consists of contributions from BWA members, conventions, individuals, and churches for immediate use in a disaster.

Contributions of \$5,000 each from the Baptist Federation of Canada and the American Baptist

Churches of the USA have been received and forwarded to the Baptist Convention of Guatemala, a BWA affiliate in focus of relief efforts from Baptists of the world.

Another BWA member, the Southern Baptist Convention, SBC Foreign Mission Board, has 16 missionaries in Guatemala and is sending aid directly through their mission. The board approved today to send \$25,000 for relief. Assistance also is being given by the Brother's Brother Foundation, an interfaith medical group headed by Dr. Robert A. Hingson, a Baptist deacon from Pittsburgh, Pa. Hingson has volunteered to serve as a courier in transmitting funds to Guatemala. Contributions to Guatemalans are for purchasing food, medicine, and shelter for victims. Money may be sent to the Baptist World Alliance, Washington, DC.

Representatives of the SBC Foreign Mission Board report that missionaries in Guatemala City indicate that at least 15 Baptists have been killed. Many Baptist families are homeless, three Baptist churches in Guatemala City heavily damaged. No report yet on rural areas. BWA statistics list 5,636 Baptist people and 83 Baptist churches in Guatemala.

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families in Guatemala City; two families and two missionary journeymen in Coban; and one family in Quetzaltenango (about 75 miles west of the capital).

In Guatemala City are the Ted Yarbroughs, the Clark Scanlons, the Herbert D. Billings and the William W. Stennetts. Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Byrd, stationed in the capital city, are on medical leave in the States.

In Coban are the Richard R. Greenwoods, the Donnell N. Courtneys, and journeymen Susan Clark and Jacquelyn Madon. The John E. Laramores are in Quetzaltenango.

The George W. Hardemans and the Wendell C. Parkers are on furlough, and the H. Michael Owens and Yvonne E. Helton are in language school in Costa Rica.

### FMB Sends Supplies

The Foreign Mission Board told the Baptist Record this week that the latest available information indicates that at least 15 Baptists were killed and two Baptist churches were heavily damaged.

This information concerns Baptists and churches in and around Guatemala City, a spokesman said.

On Monday the Foreign Mission Board dispatched from New Orleans a plane loaded with medical supplies, 300 tents, a jeep, and one ton of food. In addition a surgeon, a general practice physician, and two traumatologists have arrived on the scene from the United States. From other Central and South American nations have gone Southern Baptist missionaries. They include Frances Crawford, a nurse from Honduras; Dr. Robert Edwards, a physician from Colombia; and Dr. David Harms, a physician from Honduras.

Baptist church members in Guatemala City are preparing individual food packages for the needy. These include five pounds of beans, five pounds of rice, and 10 pounds of corn.



Members of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission are pictured above. They are, left to right, Mrs. Ann Alexander, Rev. J. B. Miller, Dr. Macklyn W. Hubbell, Dr. W. W. Walley, Rev. J. Carroll Hamilton, Rev. George Lee, Marvin Graham, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, and Rev. Rowe Holcomb.

## Christian Action Commission Elects Graham As Chairman

Marvin Graham, Mount Olive banker, has been elected chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission.

Other newly elected officers are J. Carroll Hamilton, Meridian, vice-chairman, and Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland, Secretary. Program projections for 1977 were referred to the proper committees within the commission, such as administrative, literature, projects, and legislative study.

In reference to the resource packet on world hunger being distributed to the pastors by the Christian Life Commission, SBC, as reported in last week's Baptist Record, the Christian Action Commission approved the following statement: "That we reassert our concern for the problem of World Hunger and encourage our people to continue to support hunger fund programs administered by

our denomination through the Foreign Mission Board and other respected agencies, such as the Mississippi Agriculture Missions Program."

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, in commenting on this statement, expressed appreciation for the many good resource ideas and suggestions in the packet and said the commission wanted to underscore support through established channels. He stated that his office had received a number of calls concerning emotional direct mail appeals for funds to alleviate hunger and that his counsel is, "Let us give our money for hunger relief in designations through our churches that we may be assured of the funds being wisely used. Further, this guarantees that nothing will be deducted for any kind of administrative expense and the money will get directly to some victim of hunger."



## Two Churches Receive New Site Aid From The Baptist Convention Board

The Faith Baptist Church in Panola association received \$9,750 for the purpose of land acquisition in a "key" location where they will build a permanent church facility soon. Present for the check presentation and instructional time were (pictured from left, upper photo) Rev. Wesley Nicholas, pastor of Faith Baptist Church; Rev. G. E. Jolley, director of missions, Panola Baptist Association; Rev. Everett Denton, convention board member of Panola association and pastor of Pope Baptist Church and Rev. Dennis Conniff, church building consultant, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Faith Baptist Church began as a mission in October, 1975, and was constituted into a church on February 1, 1976. They began contributions to the cooperative program and associational missions program they day they became a mission. The Associational Missions Committee in the North Batesville Baptist Church cooperated in the establishment and development of the mission to the point of church status.



The Highland Baptist Church in Senatobia (Tate association) received \$11,430 for the purchase of land upon which permanent church facilities will be built in the near future. Those present as pictured for the church presentation of the check presentation were: (picture from left lower photo) Rev. J. Ray Grissett, consultant and director of church extension in the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Rev. Claude Howe, pastor of Highland Baptist Church and Rev. Roy Myers, moderator of Tate association, associational convention board member, and pastor of First Baptist Church, Independence. Members of the Highland Baptist Church congregation were also present at the presentation.

The checks to Faith Baptist Church and Highland Baptist Church were presented in behalf of Dr. Earl Kelly and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and were an outgrowth of the convention board's land acquisition committee's work.

## Budget Sets Month's Record Of \$4,870,138

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ceipts, then a record, by 13.18 percent.

"Southern Baptists started off the Bicentennial year in a meaningful way," said Forther Roth, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee. "The record \$4,870,138 represents more than \$12,500,000 given by the churches for both state and SBC causes through the Cooperative Program and it includes advance or challenge funds received by many of the states over their primary budgets."

During the first four months of the 1975-76 fiscal year, October through January, national Cooperative Program receipts total \$15,474,310 — or 13.18 percent ahead of the same point in 1974-75.

In January, 33 state conventions covering 50 states also funneled \$6,780,363 in designated contributions from Southern Baptist church members to Southern Baptists' worldwide missions program. That represents 10.62 percent more than \$6,137,403 in designated contributions last January.

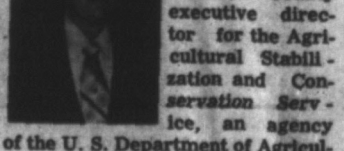
Total giving for the first four months of 1975-76 — Cooperative Program and designated — amounts to \$23,506,211, compared to \$20,927,579 at the same point in 1974-75. That's a 12.32 percent increase.

Designated giving alone through the first four months totaled \$8,031,902 — a 10.76 percent increase over the same point last fiscal year.

## McCrory Is New Missions Director, Noxubee County

R. S. McCrory has appointed as director of missions for Noxubee Association.

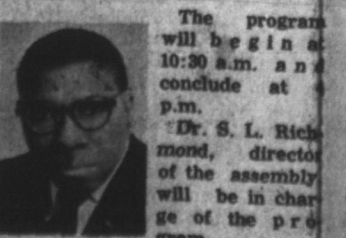
Mr. McCrory retired recently after 42 years of federal service. He was the Noxubee County executive director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.



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## Dallas Pastor To Speak At Sophia Sutton Founder's Day

Dr. Caesar Clark, pastor of Good Street Church, Dallas, Texas, will be guest speaker for morning service Feb. 17, during the 20th Founder's Day activities at Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly near Prentiss.



The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.

Dr. S. L. Richmond, director of the assembly, will be in charge of the program.

## Child Service Act Reported "Dead Horse"

By J. Clark Hensley

PLEASE, let us quit beating the dead horse of the Child Service Act and start working on some live issues in Mississippi.

One appreciates the alertness of people when stirred up about an emotional issue such as the care of children. Children would be in jeopardy if the smear campaign pamphlets concerning the proposed legislation were true. Those who read the article by John W. Baker of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs carried in the Baptist Record in December heard him say that the allegations of the circulars were completely false.

When one reads H.R. 2066, called the "Child and Family Services Act," a copy of which we have had in my office for some time now, he realizes that most of the statements you hear have very little, if any, connection with the bill. The Washington Post, Feb. 3, 1976, in a three column story of the uproar, stated: "The legislation is going nowhere in the current congress, so the opponents are beating a horse already dead on its feet."

About 100 major educational, religious, charitable and

civic groups across the nation have endorsed the measure. It would cost \$1.8 billion over the next few years for day care, maternal and child health programs, food and nutritional services and aid for handicapped children.

Quoting from Section 504a, p. 68, of the Bill: "Nothing in this Act shall be construed or applied in such a manner as to infringe upon or usurp the moral and legal rights and responsibilities of parents or guardians with respect to the moral, mental, emotional, physical, or other development of their children. Nor shall any section of this Act be construed or applied in such a manner as to permit any invasion of privacy otherwise protected by law, or to abridge any legal remedies for such invasion which are otherwise provided by law."

If it were not a "dead horse," legitimate opposition could be made in the creation of another government bureau, as well as the cost involved, so there is that side of the coin. I would voice again the hope that Mississippi church people will begin to get as upset about some current state legislative proposals as they have been about this congressional bill.

## Lucius Marion Suffers Coronary

Rev. Lucius Marion, pastor of Clarksdale Baptist Church in Clarksdale, is reported to have suffered a coronary attack. A report from the hospital in Clarksdale this week was that the attack was serious but that his condition was stable.

Rev. Marion entered the Clarksdale hospital about noon on Feb. 2.

## Judson Chastain Dies In Grenada

Francis Judson Chastain, born March 19, 1894, near Norfolk, Virginia, died January 31, 1976 in Grenada, Mississippi.

He graduated from Mississippi College and received a PhD degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Chastain served as pastor in Coldwater, Boyle, Shaw, Lexington, and Poplarville, with an interim period of four years as Chaplain in the U. S. Navy, discharged as a Commander.

He taught at William Carey College in Hattiesburg for ten years and retired to Grenada in 1967. He was active in the First Baptist Church, Grenada and served as Chaplain for the local American Legion organization.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Hudson Chastain; one daughter, Mrs. Bruce Phillips of Monticello, Kentucky; two sons, James Judson Chastain of Des Moines, Iowa and Arthur Hudson White of Farmington, New Mexico; and one sister, Miss Regina Chastain of Buena Vista, Virginia.

## Osyka Receives Memorial Gift Of \$38,200

Osyka Baptist Church has received a memorial gift of \$38,200, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fortenberry.

Rev. Drew D. Blanton is the Osyka pastor.

## Doctor Of Ministries -

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the doctor of ministries program for the seminary, has said that anyone interested in beginning the doctor of ministry seminar work in September or on campus in June should apply for the tests through the registrar's office of the seminary.

## Tuten Named To Exec. Committee, Baptist Hospitals

Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor of Calvary, Jackson, was elected to the Executive Committee of Affiliated Baptist Hospitals, Inc., at the annual meeting of the organization.

Dr. Tuten is a past president of Affiliated Baptist Hospitals, Inc., which operates Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans and Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. He has been serving as an associate member of the Executive Committee for the past year.



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## Attend VBS Institute

LITTLE ROCK—Special workers and consultants from Mississippi attending a Regional Vacation Bible School Institute recently included (l to r) Billy Hudgens, Larry Salter, Judd Allen and Bryant Cummings.



# Evangelism Conference Hears Inspiring Messages

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ciation, was the opening speaker and one of four who spoke during a feature of the program called Proclamation. He said proclaimers must first see something, and that is God, themselves, and the world. Then, he said, they must hear something and always be listening for what the Lord has for them. Finally, they must say something, speaking their Lord's words and not their own.

Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, was the only speaker from Mississippi with a message at the close of a session. On the opening night he noted that in order to point out truth one shows an example. He declared that Christ, while he was on earth, was an example of the truth of God and that Paul was an example of what a Christian should be. He said we need to learn now to communicate the gospel because we do have something to say and we need to say it in a way that it can be understood.

Dr. Beverly Tinnin, pastor of First Church, Meridian, spoke during a Proclamation feature. He charged that it is not true that there is no resting place for Christians here on earth. There are resting places on earth as well as at the end of life, and they are to be enjoyed in the company of the Lord, he declared.

Rev. Bill Stewart, pastor of First Baptist Church, Eupora, also was a speaker during the Proclamation feature. He spoke on "The Foolishness of Preaching" from Luke 4:18. In our proclamation as heralds, he said, the gospel is preached to the needy, the captives are delivered from the

bondage of sin, and healing is brought to the bruised and broken from life's calamities.

Dr. James Street, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wiggins, was the Proclamation speaker for the closing session of the conference. He said, "I find few instances where Christ said, 'I love you.' But He demonstrated His love by His action. He has sent us into this world to be His proclaimers in these decisive times. Decide they are. Impossible they are not."

At Mississippi College Dr. Phillips McCarty, director of the Department of Religious Education, spoke in place of Dr. Lewis Nobles, president, who was ill. Dr. McCarty called for challenging young people to accept calls to special service. He challenged the audience to learn to challenge the young people and then to learn to confront them personally with the question, "Is God calling you?" He said the leaders should cast the proper shadow for the young people by their own lives and by emphasizing what is to be gained in the ministry rather than what is to be given up. Then stay close to those who are called and respond, he urged.

Dr. Lockridge was introduced to the audience at Mississippi College by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Kelly said, "The black leaders and the white leaders know that if the black sinners and the white sinners are to be won to Christ, we will have to join hands to do it."

Dr. Lockridge said he was expecting just another evangelism conference but had found one a cut above the others where the

emphasis is on quality rather than quantity. He urged young people to "get you some learning" so other people "will not look down on you. Then get some more learning so you won't look down on other people."

He urged the young people to "learn to use what you know." He added, "You can be a pocketful of pearls, but you'll not be a necklace until you have a string. We are all pearls, but we won't be effective until we are strung together."

Dr. Roy Edgemon of the Home Mission Board Evangelism Section declared that the pastor is the key to bringing the nation to Christ. "It will be done in the churches," he said. "I believe in releasing laymen for service, but this requires a pastor with a vision." He cited goals of witnessing to every person in the United States during four years of intensive evangelism and giving every person the opportunity of worshiping in a New Testament fellowship.

In his message at the close of the conference Dr. Peter McLeod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, called on pastors to learn to respect themselves. "Most of us have a tragic self image," he declared.

"I didn't give up a thing for Jesus. I rejoice that I have the opportunity of sharing Christ with the world day after day. Nothing in all of God's world can compare with the knowledge that I'm not only a child of God, I'm a joint heir with Jesus Christ."

He added, "The problems we have are not with God. They are with us. It is incredible what God can do with your life."

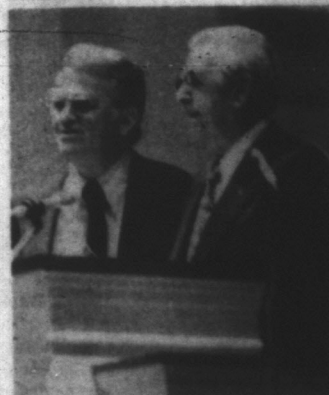
The conference was sponsored by the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Rev. Roy Collum is the director. He presided at three of the five sessions. Rev. Chester Vaughn, program director for the board, presided at one, and Dr. Kelly presided at the one on the campus of Mississippi College.



Speakers for the opening session of the Evangelism Conference are greeted by the host pastor, Dr. David Grant, right, of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson. Left to right are Dr. Levon Moore, director of missions for Attala Association; Dr. Huber Drumwright, dean of the School of Theology at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth; and Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson.



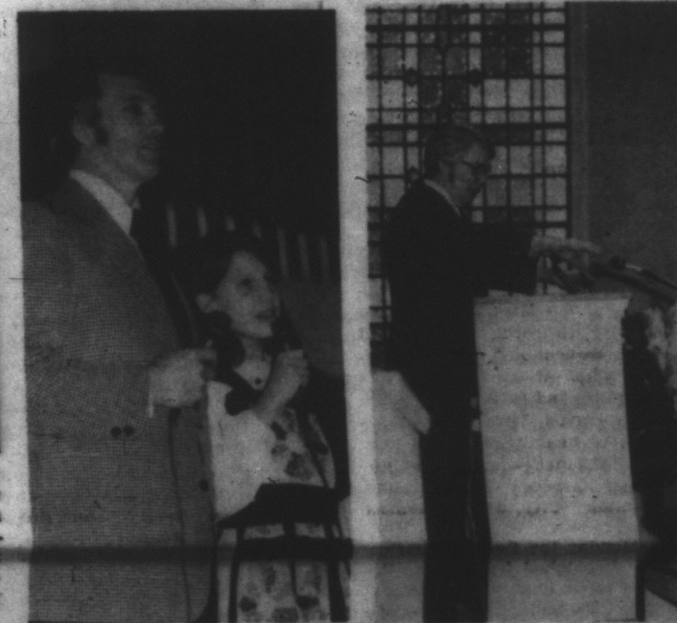
Dr. Peter McLeod, center, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, is greeted by listeners following his first address to the Evangelism Conference.



Rev. Roy Collum, left, director of the Evangelism Department for the Convention Board, introduces Dr. Edwin McNeely, retired professor of Music at Southwestern Seminary, who led the singing for the first session of the Evangelism Conference.



Dr. Earl Kelly, left, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, introduces Dr. S. M. Lockridge, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, to the Evangelism Conference audience at Mississippi College.



A father-daughter music team was Tom Larrimore and Jan. Larrimore led the singing for one session as well as joining his daughter for special music at another.

Rev. E. S. (Andy) Anderson of the Sunday School Board gave an exciting presentation of the effects of the ACTION program in Sunday School.



Nan Grantham, left, assistant in the Church Music Department, leads the Mississippi Singing Churchmen and the Singing Women in the first performance ever of a new song, "And the Greatest of These," by Art Nelson, business manager for the Convention Board.



Jack Lyall directs the Singing Choctaws of Mississippi College.



## Annuity Trust Funds

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agency's work.

Morgan called a 1975 "a watershed year" for the Annuity Board in which the agency rebounded from financial woes which "reflected so discouragingly the economic picture" in 1974.

Trustees discussed a new type of retirement plan to be recommended to Baptist state conventions for their approval. State conventions pay up to \$200 a year per person for retirement dues on ministers serving churches in their state.

The proposed plan would provide greater retirement benefits for pastors and others in church-related vocations, Morgan said. The Annuity Board is the SBC agency assigned to provide retirement and insurance protection plans for its churches and for its agencies.

Funds held in trust (assets) reached a record \$401,135,261 in 1975. These assets are safeguarded for nearly 40,000 participants in retirement plans for people serving churches and agencies.

Income from premiums for retirement protection grew to a record \$36,379,078, Morgan reported. Income from investments during 1975 attained a one-year high of \$23,140,064.

Benefits paid to retirees, widows and the disabled in the same year amounted to \$15,734,003, second only to the record year in 1973.

The volume of life insurance in force on 8,057 members of the church insurance program reached \$224,947,500, according to Morgan.

Life insurance accounts are maintained for employees of 134 state and Southern Baptist Con-

vention agencies. These 10,961 employees have \$211,729,100 worth of insurance in force.

In addition, the Annuity Board offers plans for purchasing medical and long-term disability insurance, but insured parties must acquire life insurance first to qualify for medical and long-term disability coverage.

The board's insurance services office said it is giving increased emphasis to reaching students attending Southern Baptist Convention seminaries and some state Baptist convention-supported Bible institutes.

In the investment area, real estate yielded income of \$9,491,836, with bonds, stocks and other related sources producing \$8,005,530 income. Mortgage loans furnished \$5,051,689 in income.

Real estate investments comprised 48.5 percent of the total investment portfolio, and stocks, 33.2 percent, Morgan said. The rest is in collateral loans, bonds, and short-term securities.

Trustees of the agency, who approved the organizational changes said they will help relieve the president of increasing administrative responsibilities.

The number of senior vice presidents of the Annuity Board was increased from two to four, as recommended by a long-range study committee made up of trustees.

In electing officers, the Annuity Board chose W. Gordon Hobgood Jr., Dallas layman for a second term as chairman. The three vice chairmen are Ralph Ferguson of Phoenix, C. E. Colton of Dallas, Jimmie E. Harley of Greenville, S. C. The president and all staff officers of the Annuity Board were re-elected also.

## New Curriculum

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ical approach involving several texts for one lesson.

Teaching procedures will include participation by class

great deal is involved in beginning a new Bible study series. Editors must be secured, curriculum designed developed, writers secured and trained, and materials prepared, edited and published.



# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### A Challenging Evangelism Conference

Mississippi's "pastor's revival", the annual Evangelism Conference, lived up to its usual high level of spiritual blessing.

The 1976 conference was held at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, last week, and was outstanding as usual. One session was held at Mississippi College.

Featured speakers this year included Dr. Huber Drumwright, dean of the school of theology of Southwestern Seminary, Dr. Peter McLeod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco, Dr. S. M. Lockridge, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, San Diego, California, Dr. Roy Edgemon of the Home Mission Board, Rev. E. S. (Andy) Anderson of the Sunday School Board, and Dr. Franklin Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson. Several other state pastors appeared on the program with brief messages under the general theme "Proclamation."

Every speaker was at his best, and the sessions moved from one mountain peak to another. Music was under the direction of Dan Hall of the convention board's Church Music Department, and he used the Singing Churchmen and Churchwoman, the choir of Broadmoor Church, the Singing Choctaws of Mississippi College, a number of evangelistic song leaders, and numerous soloists and other musical groups. It all added up to a great meeting.

Those attending will not quickly forget the Bible teaching of Dr. Huber Drumwright, who labeled himself as a Bible believing conservative. His ability in Bible exposition was revealed in the manner in which he took minor characters of the New Testament and built great sermons about them. Who can forget Barnabas, Aquila and Priscilla, Philip, Euodias and Syntyche, or the first deacons, after hearing his messages? A man's ability to take

a statement such as "I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord," and build a great expository sermon around it, reveals that he is a master sermonizer. And who can forget Barnabas and his influence on Paul and Mark or Peter and John being so influenced by Philip at Samaria, that they witnessed in every village on their way back to Jerusalem? Who can fail to remember the witnessing daughters of Philip? It was a gracious experience to sit at the feet of this teacher, and he showed his hearers how that study can open up some of the great riches of the Word of God. Dr. Drumwright made all of us who heard him realize how that we need to dig deep into the precious Word of God. We thank God that he is teaching young preachers at Southwestern.

Another unforgettable speaker was Andy Anderson, now of the Sunday School Board, who challenged Mississippians to join Southern Baptists all over the convention in building great Sunday schools. Telling of the new plans now being promoted called "Action" he said that it works because it lets people know that our churches want them. He told of how it is effective in large churches and small ones, in great cities and in rural areas. The plan calls for sending out trained workers, not to take a census, but to let people know that the churches want them enrolled for Bible study, and actually to enroll them.

"Action" is reaching thousands of new people, and bringing them into Sunday school and church attendance. The plan originated in Mr. Anderson's church in Florida, and now is being promoted in Southern Baptist churches all over the nation by the Sunday School Board. The board brought Mr. Anderson to its staff to lead in this promotion.

Through use of the new program it is believed that the trend of loss

in Sunday School enrollment and attendance, evident in many denominations, apparently is going to be dramatically reversed in Southern Baptist churches. The purpose of its use, of course, is to reach people, and to win them to Christ and to the church.

The whole conference centered on this purpose of winning people to Christ. Every message pointed it up either in emphasis on the gospel which reaches people, the preparation of Christians to witness, or the actual methods of evangelistic outreach. The meeting ended with rededication on the part of those present, and it is our opinion, that every person who attended, whether he stayed to the end or not, left the meeting with a renewed purpose to be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ.

Our own heart was so stirred, that we felt like urging that goals be set to try to reach 20,000 or even 25,000 persons for Christ in Mississippi in 1976. Our churches reported approximately 18,000 baptisms last year. If the approximately 1880 churches in Mississippi enrolled only 2 new persons per month... what church could not do that? ... that would mean an enrollment gain of 24 per church, or more than 35,000 in one year. Mr. Anderson said that one out of three enrolled in Sunday school will be baptized within one year. This would mean over 11,000 baptisms in itself. It is startling to see what we could do!

Why not urge your church to secure the new Action plan from the Sunday School Department in Nashville, train workers to enroll more people, and determine now to enroll at least two persons per month in your Sunday school this year? Surely, any church in Mississippi can do that! What a dramatic effect it would have in our churches! We should now add action to the stirring of our hearts which was felt at the evangelistic conference!

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

##### Thanks From Ghana

Dear Sir:

Thank you so much for all you do, as well as all Mississippi Baptists do for us. As letters come from various areas of the state, we have many reasons to praise God, because all have written of going above their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We depend on God, your faithful prayers and gifts to keep the work here moving forward.

On March 5 we leave Ghana for a four-month furlough with our family. We will be at 202 S. Strahan, Poplarville, Ms. 39470 then until July 6, when we hope to return to Ghana.

Joyce and Ralph Davis

##### Former Mississippian Now "By Faith" In California

Gentlemen:

In view of the times in which we live and the many denominations and cults that have arisen, I want to say, "Thank God for Southern Baptists." God has truly poured His blessings upon this denomination and has allowed Southern Baptists to lead a tremendous number of people to our Lord Jesus Christ.

I was brought up in a little Baptist church in a rural community and it was there I learned of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. At age seventeen God called me into the Gospel ministry. One year later I was licensed and soon called to my first pastorate, the Silver City Baptist Church. I stood the first morning and preached to my congregation of seven people. I was too young to be easily discouraged and the spirit of evangelism that had been taught me in my home church was constantly urging me on. I married and was called to the Bethany Baptist Church in Drew, Mississippi.

In February of 1975, God began to impress on me to go to Southern California to preach Jesus to the people here. I was afraid, but being brought up in a Southern Baptist church I knew that the Bible was the infallible word of God and if Philippians 4:19 said God would supply all my needs according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus, then He would do just that!

My wife, Kay, and I sold all we had, paid off our debts and left for California with our clothes, some dishes, and just enough money for a two week supply of groceries and one month's rent.

We arrived, found an apartment, brought groceries, and still had \$50 left. The next day God told me to go out on the streets and pass out tracts and share



SHADES OF JOHN WILKES BOOTH

#### NEWEST BOOKS

**EVERY MEMBER EVANGELISM FOR TODAY** by Roy J. Fish and J. E. Conant (Harper and Row, 111 pp., paper, \$2.95).

One of the finest books on personal evangelism ever written was the classic "Every Member Evangelism" by J. E. Conant. Now the book has been updated by a Southern Baptist theological professor Dr. Roy J. Fish of Southwestern Seminary. We rejoice that this valuable volume is made available to this generation.

**OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES, OUR SACRED HONOR** by Paul Harvey (Word Books, \$4.95, Commemorative Edition). Fifty-six men signed their names to the Declaration of Independence. All knew when they signed that they were risking everything. In this book Paul Harvey tells what happened to those 56 men. Many of them did lose their lives and fortunes. Paul Harvey says, "Researching what you are about to read gave a new dimension to my reverence for our nation's first citizens." If you can't quote all the Declaration of Independence, you will understand after you have read this impressive book the meaning of the words, "We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." Every American ought to read it, and keep it on his bookshelf, to remind him of his debt to those men who lived 200 years ago.

**SNEAKERS IN THE DRYER** by Mary Ann Behrs (Word, paper, \$3.50, 131 pp.). Half a ham sandwich, yesterday's paper, sneakers in the dryer—the author muses about these and other commonplace things around the house. A New Jersey housewife and a working mother, she has something to say to everyone who wants to get just a little more out of life.

**THE COSTLY HARVEST** by David M. Howard (Tyndale House, Paper, \$2.95, 297 pp.). This is an account of days of fantastic church growth in Colombia — "when wrong people died in the wrong way at the wrong time and dismal failure greeted well-intentioned efforts," and "in spite of bewilderment, there is the ringing affirmation of joy, love, and victory."

**A COMPLETE NEW YOU, SINGLE OR MARRIED** by Virginia Gold Apple (Gospel Light, paper, \$1.65, 140 pp.). Miss Apple challenges the reader to develop God-given potential in every aspect of life — particularly as it relates to sex and marital status.

Jesus. It was on the corner of Seventh and Broadway in Los Angeles that I met a black man preaching and God impressed me to give him \$50. Again I was afraid, but Luke 6:38 said, "Give and it shall be given you."

My wife and I were sleeping on the floor at the time, but that night someone I had just recently met completely furnished our apartment! I God truly began to supply every need. I made it a practice never to tell anyone our needs. We simply prayed them in. People would pass by on the streets and secretly place money in my pocket. Once I received a check for \$100, and it didn't even bounce.

I am twenty-two years old and God has allowed me to preach in the streets of many of the major cities and universities in this area. I was even allowed to go into Camp Pendleton and set up evangelistic services for the Vietnamese refugees and over 5,000 came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

I am not writing this letter to glorify myself, but to say "thank you" to God and to Southern Baptists for teaching me the importance of the word of God and not tradition.

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"WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN AUTHORITY, THE PEOPLE REJOICE; BUT WHEN THE WICKED BEARETH RULE, THE PEOPLE MOURN" - PRO 29:2

#### Bicentennial Feature

##### Baptists Wouldn't Bow To The Established Church

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., (BP) — After decades of trying to stamp out Baptists, leaders of the Virginia state church, by January 1774, wondered if their intended victims were like some creature of mythology, which, struck down, rose stronger than before.

By stretching and even breaking the law, the established church jailed many Baptists to silence them and deter their followers. But the persecution had the opposite effect. Ministers preached from prison cells, and Baptists gained strength daily.

Once virtually ignored by the state church as harmless, Baptists, with their principles of separation of church and state, constituted a serious threat to established religion. And while parish churches were almost empty, simple pioneer folk traveled many miles to hear the gospel as preached by Baptist ministers in open meetings.

The state church used reason and force in fighting Baptists but with equal lack of success. Leading influences in the regular church said theirs was the oldest religion in Virginia and the Baptists were only "wolves in sheep's clothing."

"It is well known that wolves prey on sheep," one Baptist preacher answered, "but never have sheep destroyed wolves. If Baptists are the wolves, how is it that we are persecuted and cast into prison?"

To a charge that men and women of education and influence belonged to the established church while Baptists attracted only the fewer order, Baptists answered that the condition "is no more than what befell the Master and his disciples."

There was a sharp contrast between established clergy and Baptist preachers. As a rule the clergyman was cultured and well educated, respected in the community, and a man of influence. He was accepted by the best families and those in authority, and his salary from the state provided him a comfortable living.

Unlike the established clergyman, who demanded financial support by taxation, the Baptist preacher earned his own living and preached "solely because of his love for the souls of men."

The Baptist message, like the rugged American pioneer, thrived on hardship, and as these plain people and this simple faith suffered together, they developed a strong affinity for each other.

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#### Guest Editorial

### The Plight Of The Seminaries

Elmer L. Gray, in  
The California Southern Baptist  
\$100 Million for the seminaries!

If the Southern Baptist Committee's Executive Committee approves the proposal of Owen Cooper, a member of the committee and former president of the convention, the six SBC seminaries will join in a \$100 million fund-raising campaign.

Cooper suggested this joint campaign as a counter proposal to the request of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for approval of the multi-million dollar fund-raising campaign. Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth has the largest enrollment and largest budget of any of the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

Increasing enrollments at the seminaries call for money to expand facilities and increase faculties.

Cooper's proposal will be discussed at the February meeting of the executive committee.

Some, including at least two editors, John Hurt of Texas and C. R. Daley Jr., of Kentucky, oppose the proposal. They see the campaign as a threat to the Cooperative Program and to the annual missions offerings. None of the opponents denies the need of the seminaries. They have even addressed themselves to that need.

The executive committee must decide whether the \$100 million campaign is the answer to the need of the seminaries.

But even \$100 million cannot solve the greatest need of the seminaries. Southern Baptists have supported and will continue to support their seminaries but they need to do more. The current financial dilemma accentuates the need for Southern Baptists to operate their seminaries as one enterprise rather than six.

Let us ask and answer some questions. How can the seminaries work as one enterprise in seeking funds for operation and development? How can they work together in their twelve million dollar annual budget planning? How can they jointly develop their facilities? Plan degrees and curricula? Recruit students? Conduct public relations? Employ

and develop faculty? Keep financial and academic records? Etc. Etc. In these times seminaries could do many things better jointly than separately.

Have we come to the day when the Southern Baptist Convention can actually develop and operate a unified program of theological education? Convention management of theological education is now limited to the program budgeting of the executive committee and the election of members of the six separate seminary boards.

This means each seminary administration can make its own plan with little or no concern about coordinating those plans with the other seminaries. What a climate for rivalry and competition! For instance, public relations can be aimed at enhancing the image of the individual seminary at the expense of Southern Baptist theological education as a whole. Recruiting prospective students can become a greater priority than preparing them for ministry.

Problems from this lack of coordination will increase with growing financial needs, with external relations with accrediting associations and government agencies, and with pressures from within the convention such as doctrinal, regional, and administrative pressures.

The question of a joint seminary financial campaign gives the executive committee the opportunity to call on the convention to set up and operate a unified theological education program. This must be more than defining program guidelines for budget allocations. It could mean the establishing of new convention management structure for theological education.

Is this the time for the convention to establish a single governing body for its six seminaries. Such a body (board of whatever) could direct the seminaries according to objectives designed to accomplish convention purposes. It could also respond effectively to program questions of the executive committee. Under the present organization it is not uncommon for the seminaries to divide over such questions and to seek to force the executive committee to become judge between them. The convention needs a unified theological education plan and the appropriate structure to administer the plan.



## Names In The News

Dr. J. Clark Hensley of Jackson was in Silver Springs, Md., February 2-4. Dr. Hensley serves on the National Advisory Board of Americans United for Separation of Church and State and attended the annual meeting which this year held a bicentennial celebration at the Jefferson Monument in Washington, D. C.

Denise Davis of Orange City, Florida presented her senior voice recital in Garrett Hall on the campus of Blue Mountain College on February 10. Her pianist for the recital was Ellen Hawkins.

Ronald Mills has resigned as minister of education and administration of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, to accept the call of First Church, Prattville, Alabama, as associate pastor.

O. E. Simmons, father of O. Errol Simmons, missionary to Spain, died Jan. 10 in Franklinton, La. Missionary Simmons is a native of Louisiana. He was born in Baton Rouge and grew up in Franklinton. His wife, the former Mary Ishee of Mississippi, was born in Jones County and grew up near Laurel. They may be addressed at Antonio Covero 16, Madrid 33, Spain.

Clifton Frank (Buz) Myers, Jr. is the new minister of education and youth at Southern Hills Church in Jackson. Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor. Mr. Myers is a graduate of Magee High School. He received the A. A. degree from Clarke College, B. A. degree from Mississippi College, and M. R. E. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.



Gene A. Hendrix has been elected minister of education at First Church, Clinton. He goes to Clinton from Van Winkle Church, Jackson. A native of Lubbock, Texas, he graduated from high school in Deming, New Mexico. He received the bachelor of arts degree in speech and theatre from Hardin-Simmons University. While there he was president of Baptist Student Union. In 1969 he received the master's degree in religious education from Southern Seminary. He has served at First Church, Columbia, Tn.; Gresham Park Church, Atlanta; and at Van Winkle.



Hendrix is married and has one son and one daughter. Dr. Bill Baker is pastor of First, Clinton.

Rev. Larry Windham has been called as pastor of Calvary Church, Grenada. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Windham of Grenada. His wife is the former Pat Vickery, daughter of Mrs. Bob Grace of Grenada. He is a student at Mid-America Seminary in Memphis.

Rev. Bob Guess has been called as pastor of Good Hope Church, Batesville. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Guess of Des Arc, Arkansas. His wife is the former Lana Patton, also of Arkansas. He is a student at Mid-America Baptist Seminary in Memphis.

Jerry Clower is featured in the February, 1976, issue of Christian Life, in an article, "The Art of Laughter," by Genevieve Waddell.

Mrs. W. C. Morgan of Jackson is author of a devotional article in the February issue of Healthways, entitled "Treasured Personal Cargo."

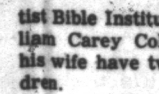
John A. Cooper has resigned as minister of education at First Church, Tupelo. Rev. Bill Nimmmons, pastor. Mr. Cooper and his wife, Alice Ann, are moving to a new field of service at Forest Park Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

Rev. John W. Bowlin, licensed minister with eight years' experience in preaching, member of County Line Church, Copiah County, is available for pastorate or supply pastorate. He may be contacted at Route 1, Box 517, Crystal Springs, Ms. (phone 892-3586). Rev. E. N. Sullivan is his pastor.

## Correction

Mr. and Mrs. O. Errol Simmons, missionaries to Spain, do not have a new son, William Timothy, born December 20, as reported in the Feb. 5 BR. This was the information the Baptist Record received in a news release. However, the new son, William Timothy, belongs to the Robert Cridders, who are also missionaries to Spain!

Rev. Curtis Reese has been called as pastor of Yockanookany (Attala) after three and one-half years at Unity (Greene). Mr. Reese is a graduate of Clarke College, Baptist Bible Institute, and William Carey College. He and his wife have two young children.



Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will be the featured speaker at the World Missions Conference "Kick-Off Rally", planned for Saturday, February 14 at 7 p.m. at Central Church, McComb. The World Missions Conference is scheduled for Sunday - Friday, February 15-20, in twenty-seven Baptist churches of the Pike County Baptist Association. Missionaries will be speaking in these churches twice on Sunday and each night Monday through Friday.



Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy, academic dean, New Orleans Seminary, delivered the keynote luncheon message recently to the Ministerial Alliance at Blue Mtn. College. Dr. Kennedy, at left above, talks with Dr. James L. Travis, advisor of the Ministerial Alliance, professor of Bible, and an alumnus of New Orleans Seminary.

Frank W. Lawton, former pastor in Mississippi, has accepted a position as book store manager trainee in the Sunday School Board's book store division, Nashville. Lawton has served as a pastor, minister of music, minister of education and church administrator. He received the bachelor of music degree from Mississippi College and earned the master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie G. Dunaway Jr., missionaries to Rhodesia, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 2802 Paden Drive, Nashville, Tenn. 37206). He is a native of McComb, Miss.

Henry (Hank) Grady Guest III has arrived in Wiggins to assume duties as assistant pastor of First Church. He and his wife Marsha will reside in the Old Pastorium next to the church. Guest is a graduate of William Carey College and has a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary. He has also done graduate work at University of Southern Mississippi. Native of Clarksdale, he previously served as assistant director of activities at Woodland Hills Church in Jackson and youth director of University church in Hattiesburg. More recently he has served as Christian minister in both the Glacier National Park and Big Bend National Park. Rev. James Street is pastor at First, Wiggins.

Danny Wells, youth and music director, North McComb church, was ordained to the gospel ministry on January 4. His home church, East McComb, was host church for the ordination service. Mr. Wells, a second year theology student at New Orleans Seminary, is a graduate of Mississippi College.

Cap and Gown, senior women's honor society at Mississippi College, has named Mrs. Will M. Whittington of Greenwood as "Woman of the Month."

## Carey To Host "Up With People"

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE will host the internationally-known UP WITH PEOPLE patriotic youth musical group on Tuesday, February 24, according to a spokesman from the college. "This will be one of our Bicentennial gifts to the community," commented David Sapp, Student Government President and a member of the school's Bicentennial committee. "The highly popular 40-member group will perform at 9:30 AM for the student body and again at 8 p.m. for the Hattiesburg area citizens. There will be a very small "patriotic" admission charge of 76 cents. Tickets will be available about February 16 at the college and in selected locations to be announced.

Celebrating their 10th anniversary UP WITH PEOPLE is composed of over 500 young people in eight separate casts, singing across the United States in over 800 communities in 50 states. An additional cast is touring Poland, Yugoslavia, Austria, Switzerland and Holland. The cast coming to Carey will leave immediately for overseas performances.

George Washington constantly exchanged letters with agricultural experimenters at home and in England and imported plants, shrubs and trees from all over the world. Today at Mount Vernon there are at least 87 trees still standing which were set out by him.

## Mrs. R. L. Ray Marks Full Century Of Life

By Hershell George  
WSEL News Director, Pontotoc, Ms.

Mrs. R. L. Ray was 100 on Wednesday, January 21.

Her children held open house in her honor from two until four-thirty o'clock p.m. at her home at 104 Oxford Street, Pontotoc.

The daughter of J. M. (Jack) Thornton and Martha Lamar Thornton, Mrs. Ray was born at Pine Valley, Miss., near Water Valley, on January 21, 1876.

As a youngster she moved with her parents to Pontotoc where her father was associated with the

## After SBC In June

## Bermuda Island Site Of Pastoral Leadership Meet

NASHVILLE — The island of Bermuda, located approximately 600 miles off the U. S. Atlantic coast, will be the site of a "Pastoral Leadership Seminar" held June 18-24 for 140 Southern Baptist pastors and their wives.

The seminar will begin at Camellia Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va., immediately following the annual Southern Baptist Convention. The participants will leave Norfolk later that day on a chartered flight to Bermuda.

Topics of the seminar will include leadership-style options for pastors; how to build pastoral relationships; workshops in communication, motivation, personal planning and time management; Bible study; and marriage enrichment conferences for pastors and their wives.

In addition to the seminar, participants will have time "to get away from it all in a tropical environment," says Brooks Faulkner, seminar leader and pastoral ministries consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department.

"Participants will enjoy sightseeing, shopping, swimming, fishing, tennis and golfing on the islands," adds Faulkner. "Included in the conference cost will be dining at Bermuda's finest gourmet

restaurants and lodging at the elegant Belmont Hotel. It will be a time of spiritual renewal, physical renewal, marriage renewal and personal renewal."

The seminar will feature Bible study led by William Hull, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., and Jesse Fletcher, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

According to Faulkner, author of "Getting On Top of Your Work: A Basic Manual for Busy Pastors," the seminar will be limited to 70 couples. There will be no accommodations for children.

The cost of the seminar will be \$450 for each person. This price includes airplane fare from Norfolk to Bermuda and return; hotel accommodations meals (except lunches); travel accommodations to and from the hotel in Bermuda; gratuities; sightseeing tours on the island; and materials for the conferences.

To register for the seminar, contact Brooks Faulkner, Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

DALLAS — James W. McGavock, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to Chile, died here in the Trew Home, Buckner Benevolences, Jan. 28 at about 6 a.m. He was 87 years old.



Mrs. Ray

business with a small grocery store.

In earlier days, Mrs. Ray fondly recalls the coming of the railroad to Pontotoc. "It was quite exciting and an overflow crowd of people," she said.

Later, Mr. Ray established the business firm of R. L. Ray & Co. in Pontotoc.

Mr. Ray died in 1955.

Possibly Mrs. Ray's biggest contribution in her 100 years has been to First Baptist Church of Pontotoc.

A devoted Christian woman, Mrs. Ray served as president of the Women's Missionary Union



A "Pastoral Leadership Seminar," following the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk, Va., will be held on the island of Bermuda, June 18-24. Brooks Faulkner (top) will lead the seminar sponsored by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board.

## Planned At Ole Miss

## Chair Of Religious Studies: Memorial To Hal Furr

By Anne McWilliams

When William Hal Furr joined the Department of Philosophy faculty at University of Mississippi in 1965, only two courses in religion were being taught. At the time of his death nine years later, the Department had been renamed the Department of Philosophy and Religions, and 48 hours of course work in religions were being offered. Much credit for these developments belonged to Hal Furr.

Dr. Furr was an ordained Baptist minister, a talented vocalist, a former tennis champion, and an esteemed scholar. When he died March 21, 1974, at the age of 42, he left "a dream that a Chair of Religious Studies might be established at the university, to make possible the development of an academic program leading to the

Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. Y. Though he made a brilliant record in his first year at Duke University, he decided to transfer to Westminster to study music.

He was ordained as a minister in 1956 at Seventh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, when Dr. F. Brendahl Petersen was pastor. The church called him an assistant pastor and minister of education. While at Seventh Church, he was in charge of a Monthly Open Forum Worship Service, and also wrote and published the weekly church newspaper, "The Observer."

He was pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, before joining the Ole Miss faculty as assistant professor.

## Nicaraguans Call On Southern Baptists For Help

By A. Clark Scanlon  
GUATEMALA CITY (BP) — Nicaraguan Baptists have asked for help. They urgently need a Southern Baptist missionary to assist with a literature ministry.

During the 1972 Christmas season, Southern Baptists joined other groups helping victims of an earthquake that claimed 12,000 lives and destroyed two thirds of the Nicaraguan capital.

Teams of Southern Baptist men joined a Southern Baptist missionary from Honduras in building temporary structures for seven Baptist churches.

Partly as a result of these contracts, the Nicaraguan Baptist Convention has requested Southern Baptists to send a missionary to Nicaragua to set up a book deposit and bookstore.

Representatives of the American Baptist Churches in the USA, since opening work in Nicaragua soon after the turn of the century, have developed a hospital, two high schools and about 40 churches. An American Baptist missionary continues to work with the convention in its evangelistic activities.

Although Baptist work continues to grow in Nicaragua, it is hampered by an inadequate source of literature. The small interdenominational bookstores in town are not able to carry an adequate stock of Baptist books, much less periodicals. Churches in the provinces (states) surely need a literature supply.

Over a year ago the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board accepted the invitation of the Nicaraguan Baptist Convention to send a couple, but that couple has not been forthcoming. Although some veteran couples showed initial interest, they eventually declined.

It's critical that we send in a couple soon. First, because it would be a show of good faith to Nicaraguan Baptists who continually ask, "When will Southern Baptists send a couple?" Secondly, literature is crucial in strengthening churches and pushing into new areas, and literature needs of Baptists are inadequately cared for at present.

Since the arrival of a Southern Baptist literature ministry



## '78 Youth Conference Planning Underway

WASHINGTON — The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) Youth Committee met in Arlington, Virginia, USA, in November for preliminary planning of the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference in 1978 at Hong Kong.

Robert S. Denny, BWA general secretary, will go to Hong Kong in January 1976 to discuss arrangements for the conference, expected to attract 5000 youths. The proposed dates for the conference are July 9-13, 1978. The 8th Baptist Youth World Conference met in July-August 1974 at Portland, Oregon, USA.

The committee noted that about

30 per cent of the Hong Kong population is between 15 and 32 years of age. Hong Kong was the site of the First World Conference of Baptist Men in November 1974. David Y. K. Wong, BWA president, lives in Hong Kong.

Gerald Cooke, new chairman of the BWA youth executive committee, presided at the meetings in Arlington, near the BWA headquarters office in Washington. Cooke is associate secretary of the Department of Christian Education, Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, Canada. He was assisted by Betty L. Smith, youth coordinator for the BWA staff.

## 17 Semester Missionaries Assigned In 11 States

Seventeen semester missionaries have been assigned by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for service in 11 states and in an across-the-nation tour with a Bicentennial art-photo exhibit. David Calder, a graduate of Mississippi College from Greenwood, Miss., is serving in Fredonia, N. Y.

Semester missionaries are college students or graduates who devote a semester to working in a mission location, usually assisting a home missionary.

Two of the 17 now on assignment — Jim Brewer of Ramsey, Ill., a student at Eastern Illinois University, and Joe Godfrey of Rome, Ga., a student at Samford University — are accompanying the HMB's art-photo exhibit,

"Faces of America," on an eight-month tour of 48 cities in 23 states.

Many architects after the Revolutionary War consulted George Washington — whose eminence in design and building craft is said to have given him much prominence in his day. He drew up plans and specifications with his own hand, ordered stucco, terrazzo and other materials, and almost singlehandedly converted his small house of eight rooms into the highly celebrated and beautiful mansion we know today — with two floors, an attic, an immense cellar and the magnificent portico overlooking the Potomac.



Miss BMC Pageant February 14

These Blue Mountain College students will participate in the "Miss BMC Pageant" on Valentine's Day, February 14, at 8 p.m. at the college. Left to right, row 1: Hope Clements, Marta Sobrino, Donna Veevee Eek, Donna Abel, Denise Davis, Kaye Morris. Row 2: Debbie Randle, Pam Adair, Linda Aston, and Jennie Dickson.

## Salute To Acteens And Girls In Action

February 6-14 is WMU Focus Week. In keeping with this, the following feature is printed, recognizing Girls in Action and Acteens. These photographs are representative of many recognition services held during the past year. Because of limited space, similar pictures will not be printed again in the Record until WMU Focus Week, 1977.



GIRLS IN ACTION of Highland Church, Crystal Springs, held a parents' banquet honoring the girls who had achieved the Adventure I step. GA director, Mrs. Clifton Bryant, placed the collar on each girl and Mrs. Jimmy Barrentine pinned the badges on. Guest speaker was Rev. Jimmy Barrentine, missionary to Paraguay from Crystal Springs. The cake was made by Mrs. Sharon Marler, mother of one of the girls. Pictured are: back row, left to right, Mrs. Jimmy Barrentine, Sharon Smith, Sandra Bart, Bonnie Myers, Amy Green, Heidi Marler. Rev. Jimmy Barrentine, Margaret Bryant; front row, Robin Elliott, Carla Warren, Darlene Thornton, Trudy Greer and Shelly Johnson are not shown. The cake displayed the GA emblem and names of girls getting awards.



THE ACTEENS OF HANDSBOURNE Church, Gulfport, held their Coronation service on the theme, "Follow the Glean," with Mrs. Jimmy Richardson, Gulf Coast Association Acteens, director, presiding and Rev. James Ham, pastor of Handsbourn Church, presenting awards. Acteens recognized as Queens were: 1 to 7: Queen Kandy Skinner, Queen Regent Joyce Cook, Queen Maria Barbares, Queen with Scepter Vicki Bridges, Queen Anita Barbee, Queen Regent Lynn Dawson, Queen Cheri Howard, and Queen Regent Debbie Mauldin. Mrs. Frank DeCoste is Acteen director. Mrs. Austin Barbares, Mrs. Leo Barbee, and Mrs. C. T. Switzer are leaders.



BECKER ACTEENS held their first recognition service with seven girls participating. All were crowned queens, with two receiving queen with scepter awards. Kneeling 1 to 7: Pam Ford, Donna Moffett, Debbie Moffett, standing, Sandra Tubb, Lisa Moffett, Mrs. William Mitchell, leader, Brenda Sanders and Clara Myatt. Rev. Bernette Fielder is pastor.



BETHEL (LINCOLN) recently honored four queens and two queens-with-a-scepter. The Acteen Leaders are: Mrs. Doug Benedict and Mrs. Ronnie Moak. Back row, 1 to 7: Dana Wallace, Lisa Vaughn, Beverly Quin, Annie Hart, Stephanie Case, and Lucetta Brown. The crown bearers (center row): Jonathan Sasser, Kelly Case, Jeffery Quin, David Benedict and Bruce Wallace (not pictured David Hall). The flower girls (front): Chris King, Sonya Wallace and Bridgette Moak.



GIRLS in Action Awards were given at Bethel to (back row) Pam Moak, Valerie Moak, Nanette Wallace. (Center row) Renee Wallace, Vada Quin, and Stacey Moak. (Front row) Amanda Quin, Sonya Wallace, and Regina Brown. The leader is Mrs. E. R. "Bud" Moak, assisted by Charmaine Benedict.



THE GIRLS IN ACTION of the TRINITY CHURCH, Pearl (Rankin) observed their first recognition service with six girls (top photo) completing Adventure One. (1 to 7) Lisa Alsworth, Cindy Moore, Janet Upchurch, Levenne Burnett, Carol Ray, Renee Cumberland. The Acteens (bottom photo) served at the reception following the recognition service. (1 to 7) Renee Elbridge, Karen Armstrong, Barbara Knight, Rhonda Armstrong and Luann Dye. GA leaders are Mrs. Nina White, director and Mrs. Jimmie Sue Upchurch, assistant. Rev. Vance H. Dyed is pastor.

## Eight Girls Are Recognized At Shiloh

Shiloh Church, Chickasaw County, held a recognition service in October, under direction of Mrs. Louie Hood and Mrs. Mamie Lee Saxon, Girls in Action leaders.

Eight girls were recognized in the service which had the theme, "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Mrs. Frances Thomas, WMU director, and Mrs. Saxon presented awards.

Shelly Mills, a new GA, received a collar. Others honored were

Mistie Carter, Kathy Smith, Beth Mixon, Betty Collins, Janine McCullough, Lori McCarver, and Vicki Collins.

The Saturday afternoon before the special Sunday night service, a reception was held in the fellowship hall honoring the eight girls, and their parents.

Mission Friends of Shiloh, with their leaders, Mrs. Ann Carter and Mrs. Fay Smith, took part in a mission action project in October. They carried a basket of fruit to Mrs. Madge McCullough, and visited with her.

Rev. Bobby Long is the Shiloh pastor.



MORRISON HEIGHTS, Clinton's Acteens recently had a party for about 18 deaf children at the Mississippi School for the Deaf. The Acteens planned, prepared and carried out the party themselves. After playing Bingo, one of the Acteens, Karen Cur-

tis, told the group a Christmas story in sign language. The deaf girls were given Santa's boots filled with goodies, made by the Acteens. Rev. Charles Gentry is pastor.



FIRST CHURCH, SOUTHAVEN, C. A. Coronation: Leaders: Mrs. Jill Thomas, Mrs. Judy Harrison, Mrs. Jerry Hanson; Pastor, Rev. J. B. Ross.

## Today's Youth

### Mexican Seminary Students Visit; See Results

MEXICO CITY, Mexico — Eight students from the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary here know what door-to-door visitation means. In a recent month the students visited 40 families and saw 19 persons make professions of faith. The visits were part of a seminary course.

In addition to visiting and inviting families to attend evangelistic meetings, the students offer medical care, teach literacy, repair small appliances and engage in family counseling.

### Chair Of Religious - -

(Continued from page 5)

mansion." (Mrs. Furr is a member of First Baptist Church, Columbus, and a graduate of Blue Mountain College.)

At Westminster Choir College he received the B. M. degree in voice and choral conducting. He earned the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., and the Ph.D. degree in religion from Temple ("Acres of Diamonds") University, Philadelphia, Pa., with a major in Christian ethics.

He was bass soloist with the Westminster Touring Choir and sang with the Westminster Symphonic Choir in 54 Carnegie Hall performances with the New York Philharmonic. He sang as the "Slave" in the world premier of Roger Sessions' Symphony, and in two performances of the Mozart "Requiem." For many years he was a member of the cast and chorus of the symphonic drama, "The Lost Colony," at Manteo, North Carolina, with his wife, the former Cynthia Yeats of Oklahoma City, and three daughters, Virginia, Susannah, and Elizabeth also performing in the famous Paul Green production.

While pastor in North Carolina he was music director for the Chowan Baptist Association and a member of the association's executive committee.

At the university, he was a favorite with both faculty and students. Hundreds of student came to regard him not only as instructor but also as friend and counselor. While at Oxford, he was president of the Mississippi Philosophical Society, and at the time of his death he was working on a textbook of reading selections from 19th and 20th century Protestant thought.

His wife, Mrs. Cynthia Furr, a concert singer who teaches voice at Ole Miss, has sung in many opera productions in Jackson.

Former students, friends and family of Dr. Furr are working to fulfill his dream of a Chair of Religious Studies at Ole Miss. "Objective of the Chair will be to provide an unbiased, scholarly study of religion, utilizing a scholar of world religions and over 6,500 volumes in theology and religious studies already in the University Library," according to Precept, a university publication.

As a state institution, the university is not religiously affiliated, nor can it be. Thus, funds for the Chair of Religious Studies must come from sources external to the university budget. Gifts for the William Hal Furr Chair of Religious Studies are being accepted and administered by the University of Mississippi Foundation, University, MS 39267. Until sufficient contributions are received to establish the Chair, income from all monies received will be used to fund a scholarship to an outstanding student majoring in philosophy and religion.

### Mississippi Club

(New Orleans) — The three Mississippians pictured above are the newly elected officers of the Mississippi Club at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Left, is Vice President Tommy Bufkin of Port Gibson, seated is Terry Regal, President, from Marks, Mississippi and Carolyn Nichols, right, of Tupelo, is Club Secretary. Not Pictured was Public Relations Chairman, Ron Burch of Brookhaven.



### 100% Royalty

Debbie Hollis, Debbie Denton and Rachel Sprayberry are shown with their Acteens Leader, Mrs. Oma Knox, Sabongia Church (Calhoun), following their recognition service recently when 100% of the members of the organization were crowned queens. Rev. Dan Wright is their pastor.





Ever feel like you've been really taken in?

On the day before school started last fall, when I answered our phone, the mother of several young children spoke in distress. She was a stranger, but she said enough to let me know she knew us. The problem was that all kinds of sad circumstances had brought her to the place of having no money for school supplies or lunch money for their first day at school. Her question was "Could you loan me some money until Thursday?" We decided on an amount, and because she had little gasoline in her car, one of our boys took her the money.

Thursday came, and no word from her. Friday, Saturday. A week. A month. All these months. But, you know, it was a good experience for me. After a couple of weeks, that is, during which my spirit fumed and sputtered my emotional blood pressure up several times. Outdone with her for not even letting me know she still couldn't pay it back, but more outdone with myself for being so generous and getting taken in so neatly.

Somehow, a word kept popping into my mind. "Inasmuch." Soon, other words joined it. "Inasmuch as ye have... unto little ones... unto me..."

Soon came the realization that what had happened to me was not that I had been taken in, but that I had been given an answer to the kind of prayer I pray all the time, probably by rote more than by heart, "Lord, help us to see a need today and be willing to meet that need."

If I'd open my eyes after I quit praying and really look to see a need, the Lord wouldn't have to pop a need right down in front of me and prod me into doing something about it.

## Prayer Lift For Pastors February 15-21

Feb. 15  
**Clarke**

Ralph Smith, Pleasant Hill  
Avery Jones, Shubuta  
Parker Chancellor, Souenovie  
Mitchell Smith, Union

**Clay**

Rev. E. G. Founders, Calvary  
Feb. 16  
James Varnon, Cedar Bluff  
Ray Walters, New Montpelier  
Willie Crawley, Pheba  
Leslie Dodson, Pine Bluff  
Joel Haire, 1st, W. Point

**Copiah**

Feb. 17  
Randy Turner, Antioch  
Rick Kennedy, Bethel  
Harry Douglas, Carpenter  
E. N. Sullivan, County Line  
Estus Mason, 1st, Crystal Springs  
Feb. 18  
Fred Bolian, Damascus  
William Stevens, Gallie  
Robert Magee, Gatesville  
John Engle, Georgetown  
W. P. Blair, Harmony  
Feb. 19  
George Meadows, 1st, Hazlehurst  
Robert Miles, Highland  
Riley Almsworth, Hopewell  
David Lawrence, New Providence  
C. O. Lindsey, New Zion  
Feb. 20  
Lamar Jolly, Pine Bluff  
Grant McElwin, Shady Grove  
Clyde Pullen, Smyrna  
Joe Abrams, Spring Hill  
Robert Smith, Strong Hope  
Feb. 21  
Wayne Griffith, Sylvaena  
Ken Stringer, First, Wesson  
James Berch, West Side  
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## Sunday School Lesson: International

# The Church's Meaning And Mission

By Wm. J. Fallis  
Matthew 16 - 17

Of course it is right for members to talk about "our church," to identify themselves with its work and its witness. It is good for a person to refer to "my church" as the fellowship in which



he or she is at home in beliefs and active in service. But when "our" means "our kind," and we don't want anybody else in it, then we are in trouble with Matthew 16:18. When "my" means "my ownership and control," we are contradicting the Founder of the church. The church—all the churches that confess his lordship—belong to Christ, and church members belong to him. This lesson is concerned with checking our focus on two or three basic church realities.

The Lesson Explained  
THE ESSENTIAL CONFESSION  
(vv. 13-19)

For a number of months—perhaps even two years—the disciples had been with Jesus. Now on a "retreat" about twenty miles north of Capernaum, Jesus asked his closest friends some pointed questions. Even the crowds knew he was Jesus of Nazareth, but they felt that was only an earthly identity. In word and deed he might be some great prophet come back to life.

But when the question came straight to the disciples, Peter answered directly. He saw Jesus as much more than a prophet; he was the fulfillment of Jewish hope through the centuries. Jesus had never told his disciples that he was the Messiah; he wanted them to discover it, to become convinced of it in the things he did and said. Then Peter added: "the Son of the living God," and Jesus responded with warm commendation.

Much controversy has centered on verse 18. Roman Catholics have argued that it made Peter the head of the Church. Protestants have claimed that Peter's confession was the rock-like foundation of the church, as all believers would make that confession. Another way to look at it is: the great fact or truth in the confession—Christ as son of God—is the real base of the church. At any rate, this belief is the heart of the Christian faith; it is essential. Even death ("gates of hell") could not defeat the life of the church based on that conviction.

THE DISCIPLE TURNED TEMPTER (vv. 20-23)  
After promising that the believing fellowship would, in its teaching, make clear on earth the requirements of heaven (v. 19), Jesus forbade his disciples to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. He probably did not want to be victimized by the popular misinterpretation of that role. Jesus knew it was time for the disciples to understand what he expected

from the religious authorities whenever he went to Jerusalem. That kind of talk, however, was offensive to Peter. Although he had acknowledged Jesus as Messiah, he still did not realize what kind of Messiah. Jesus responded with vehemence: "Get away from me, Satan" (TEV). He must have felt that the evil one was using an admired friend of Jesus to dissuade him from following God's will.

THE CROSS AND REAL LIFE  
(vv. 24-26)

Not only was the cross inescapable for Jesus, but it would be the way of life for his followers. As some proclaimed their faith within an alien world, they might actually lose their lives. Others would demonstrate their self-denial in service to needy people for Jesus' sake. In both cases the real self (centered in God) would be saved. In the Greek of verses 25-26 there is no distinction between "life" and "soul." The mission of the church is not to protect itself but to give as a tool of Christ in bringing real life to others.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# What Do We Owe God?

By Bill Duncan  
Matthew 22: 15-46

The Bible teaches that the Christian is a citizen of two worlds. When Jesus was asked by the spies of the chief priests and scribes whether it was lawful to pay tribute (taxes) to Caesar, Jesus pointed out that since coins were minted with the image of the emperor, they should "render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's." While this passage



must not be pressed far beyond its primary teaching that it is right to pay taxes, it is permissible to read out of it a secondary teaching that men have dual responsibilities. Believers owe something to God, whose image is stamped on their hearts and minds, and something to the nation whose money they carry, whose protection they enjoy, and from whose order they daily benefit.

In the early years of our country when the hardy pioneers were carving out their farms from the forest, their government could provide very little service. As the years passed and more people came, there arose a need for service such as schools, roads, and public health. Thus, there grew a need to do together, through government, what they could not do as well for themselves.

In today's crowded, urbanized, interdependent world, the once relatively minor concern of citizenship has mushroomed into a tremendously important matter affecting every Christian and all churches. It is more than paying our taxes. To fail to take seriously the obligations of citizenship would be to ignore a whole world of grave responsibility with which Christians have been entrusted by the Lord of all life. While citizenship is every citizen's job, there is a special sense in which it is the Christian citizen's job.

Paul explained the Christian's ultimate citizenship as being in heaven. As a citizen of the spiritual world, his first love, or obligation, is to God. Thus, men have a higher loyalty to God than to state. It is better to obey God than men, even when those men are magistrates. Christians really have one Master, one King, one Lord. Only as Christians carefully maintain this higher loyalty, can they keep pressure on the state to do right. In this way the prophet could speak to the evil Ahab.

Dr. Foy Valentine has pointed out in his book, *Citizenship For Christians*, Martin Luther's problem at this point. Without being overly critical of Lutheranism,

Germany's state church, Luther's uncritical moral and religious sanctification of the power of government, prevented Lutheranism from having any vital relationship with the development of democratic justice in the modern world.

There are matters of conscience, of religion, and of principle in which the responsibility of the Christian is to God. It may be that the two citizenships will never clash; they do not need to. But when the Christian is convinced that it is God's will that something should be done, it must be done. If he is convinced that something is against the will of God, it must be resisted and he can take no part in it.

## Forrest Avenue To Send Pastor To Holy Land

The members of Forrest Ave. Church, Biloxi, have voted to give their pastor, Rev. Jim Haynes, an all-expenses paid trip to the Holy Land.

Mr. Haynes will join a tour led by Rev. Bob Ebersole, a life-long friend, and depart from New York City on March 1. The group will go first to London, then to Rome. From Rome it will go to Tel Aviv, and have a four-day tour of Jerusalem, and other places of interest in Israel. From Israel, the tour will go to Greece. From Corinth and Athens, they will follow, as closely as possible, the second missionary journey of Paul into the land of the seven churches of Asia Minor.

The return trip will include stops in Switzerland, Paris, London, then back to New York on March 12.

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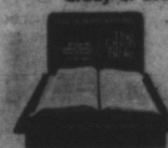
What do men owe to God? What man must give back to God is first of all himself. Although the question of commandments is upon loving God and neighbor, one is also to love himself. There is a self-love which is the essence of depravity, but there is also a godly love which necessarily includes one's self. When one sees that he belongs to God and neighbor, he finds that he must be true to himself also. Love cannot be divided, and the true self cannot be isolated from God or neighbor. Love is the basic disposition of one's whole being to relate to God for his glory and to man for his good. Therefore, I give myself to God in love.

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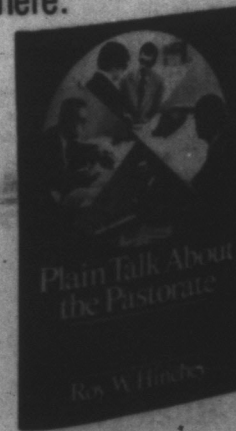
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# Just For The Record



## Twenty-Nine Years Of Service

On Sunday evening, February 1, the members of Drew Church honored Foster Green for twenty-nine years of service to his Lord and the church family. Letters from former pastors at Drew, David Grant, John Lee Taylor, Millard Bennett, and other pastors and close friends were read. Gifts from the church and a reception closed the service as Foster Green had worthily served his community and his church.



## Lauderdale Musicians Present "Alleluia"

Music directors of several Lauderdale County churches plan for a community performance of ALLELUIA. Seated left to right: Jim Dalrymple, Oakland Heights; Jack Cochran, Poplar Springs Drive; Mrs. Bobbie Gibson, Carmel; and Mrs. William Webb, Midway. Standing: Jim Hess, Highland; John Laughlin, First; and Mrs. Lloyd Parnell, 15th Avenue. A 214 voice choir presented the musical on February 1.

## First Men's Day At Beulah Memorial

On Jan. 25, Beulah Memorial Church, Brownville, held what will go down in history as their first Annual Men's Day. The day began at 7:30 in the fellowship hall, where breakfast was prepared by 35 men and boys. The men took over all the services of the day, with an all-men's choir, five speakers Sun-

day morning, and four speakers Sunday night. In the afternoon, Jaffa McCraney, Sr. was ordained as a deacon. Rev. Clifford Nelson is pastor.

As businessman and accountant, George Washington was tireless; in an age when it was necessary to do all correspondence in longhand, he wrote more than 18,000 letters!

## 90th Birthday

Mrs. Stella Banes was honored on her 90th birthday with a tea given by the Dorcas Sunday School Class of New Hope Church, Lauderdale County. A Bicentennial theme was used in decorating for the party. Members of the class, wearing long dresses, greeted the guests.

Mrs. Banes, along with her husband, L. L. Banes, has served in many phases of church activities since becoming a member of New Hope in 1910. For more than 55 years, Mr. and Mrs. Banes have prepared for the Lord's Supper. Mr. Banes is senior deacon.



Both Mr. and Mrs. Banes have served extensively in mission work in Lauderdale County. They have been instrumental in the founding of Key Field, State Boulevard, and Sappy Baptist Churches.

On January 19, 1976, Mr. and Mrs. Banes celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

## Sells, Taylors Go To Prayer Breakfast In Washington, D. C.

Dr. Robert E. Self, pastor of First, Batesville, and Mrs. Self served as personal representatives of Governor Finch at the National Prayer Breakfast held in Washington January 29. People from all 50 states were present as were representatives of 100 foreign countries. Dr. Self reports,



## Pearlhaven Church Welcomes Pastor

The Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Gandy and children, April Ann, 6, and Eddie Christopher, 1, have recently moved to Pearlhaven Church in Brookhaven.

Mr. Gandy is a native Mississippian and a graduate of William Carey College. He and his wife lived in North Italy for two years where daughter April Ann was born, and where Gandy was with the U. S. Army. He also served a tour of duty in Vietnam as an advisor to the Vietnamese Army.

He goes to Pearlhaven from Jackson where he was formerly employed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi.

Mrs. Gandy and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raul Garcia, natives of Cuba, escaped to the United States during the Castro revolution. Mrs. Gandy's parents are both living in Jackson. Her father is employed at the Baptist Building, with the Miss. Baptist Convention Board.

Mr. Gandy was recently ordained by the Raymond Road Church, Jackson, Rev. Robert McDonald, pastor.

"We heard Senator Mark Hatfield bring a rousing message and then heard President Ford challenge us regarding the future of our country and the spirit that he hoped we would see prevail. "We had the good pleasure of flying to Washington with Dr. and Mrs. John Lee Taylor from Grenada and while we were there we stayed together and enjoyed many experiences together. We toured the Capitol and the White House together."

## Devotional

# Your Point Of Reference

By Pat Nowell, Pastor, First, Tunica  
Psalms 33:12

Admiral Richard E. Byrd experienced some tense and trying moments during his first expedition to the South Pole. For a time he was living alone in an isolated hut far from any other member of the expedition. One day he went on a short trip of exploration only to be engulfed in a sudden blizzard that left him hopelessly lost. In that vast expanse of snow there was virtually nothing to give him any sense of direction. He realized that if he set out blindly to find his hut and failed, the chances were that he would freeze in the blizzard.

At last he remembered that he had a long pole that he used to feel for holes in the ice. He stuck the pole in the ice and attached a scarf to it. In relating this experience Byrd said, "That was my center. If I failed to find my hut, I could return to the center and try again. Three times I tried and failed, but each time I returned to my center, without which I would have been lost and would have died. In the fourth attempt I stumbled upon my hut."

Notice the expression "that was my center." The pole and the scarf were the center to which Byrd continually returned to find direction. If he had not consistently referred to that center for direction, he would have wandered aimlessly until he froze. What is America's center? What is our point of reference? Is it God and His revelation through Christ and the Bible? Are our ethical and moral choices guided by God's principles revealed in the Bible, or do we set out on our own way prompted by pride and selfishness? Do we go back to Biblical affirmations as our center when we want to decide what is right or wrong, or do we wander around aimlessly among the prevailing concepts of permissiveness and relative morality?

Our forefathers founded America upon faith in God and the truths of the Bible, and our country will survive and be great only as long as it honors God. But today moral attrition and dry rot from within are seeking to wrest our culture away from its Biblical moorings and to establish it upon a pagan, hedonistic basis.

Americans need to be reminded that there is a realistic, vital connection between the morals of a people and the national character of a country. When the level of decency drops, the vitality and integrity of a nation is weakened. Every citizen of our great country needs to realize that the continuing corruption of character and the decay of individual conscience will inevitably destroy our nation. America needs to return for direction to her center — God and the spiritual and moral principles affirmed so emphatically in God's Word, the Bible!

The Bible says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalms 33:12). Christians know that nothing will save our nation from inner decay and ruin except a return to God. But such a return will not be accomplished on a national level until it is done on an individual basis. Will you be one of the vanguard leading the way?

## Off The Record

Mrs. Holley: All the animals went into Noah's Ark in pairs.  
Julie: Except the worms.  
Mrs. Holley: What do you mean?  
Julie: The worms went in aples.

—Mrs. John Ladner

A tourist stopped where a farmer was erecting a building.  
"What are you building?" he asked.

"Wal," answered the farmer, "I ain't sure yit. If I can rent it, it's a rustic cottage, and if I can't, it's a cow shed."

Expense Account  
Boss: "What's this big item on your expense account?"  
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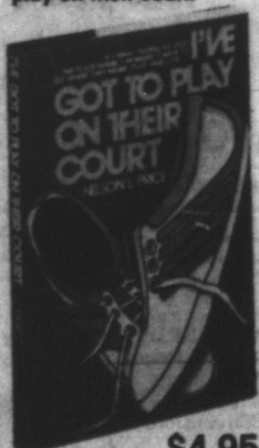
Boss: "Well, don't buy any more hotels."

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## Foundation Cites Record Earnings

NASHVILLE (BP) — Earnings for the Southern Baptist Foundation hit a record high of more than \$1 million this past fiscal year, the agency's board of directors were told during their annual meeting here.

This was the first time in the Foundation's 28 year history earnings were more than \$1 million in any given 12 months, said Kendall Berry, executive secretary-treasurer, in his report to the directors.

"In spite of another traumatic year in the national economy, as measured by various yardsticks, Southern Baptist Foundation is well up in the top 10 percent in percentage earnings

nationally for the past year," Berry noted.

New funds received by the Foundation the past year totaled \$2.4 million. And market values appreciated \$863,478 over the previous year-end, he said.

Even with withdrawals of \$1.1, the Foundation still had a net growth of \$2.1 million for fiscal '75, Berry noted. Total corpus, he continued, for all funds administered by the Foundation came to a book value of \$17.1 million, with market value, as of Sept. 30, at \$14.9 million.

Meanwhile, the average rate of return of earnings in the agency's General Fund slipped fractionally from 5.94 percent to 5.87 percent on book value, Berry said. However, the average rate of return at market value the past year was 7.76, he noted.

## Dr. James Good To Give Organ Concert

Dr. James W. Good, assistant professor of church music at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., will be presented in a guest organ concert at Mississippi College on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Dr. Good, a member of the American Association Guild of Organists, will perform at 8:15 p.m. in Provine Chapel. The public is invited.

A graduate of Wake Forest University, Dr. Good received the doctor of musical arts degree at Southern Seminary.

## Crenshaw Calls T. F. Grubbs

Crenshaw Church has called Rev. T. F. Grubbs as pastor. Mr. Grubbs goes to Crenshaw from South Corinth Church where he was pastor for 4½ years. He also has held pastorates in Newton, Tate, Calhoun, and Prentiss counties, having been at Booneville 10 years.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and has done considerable work toward a Master of Theology degree at New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Grubbs and his wife, the former Evelyn Gault, have moved into the parsonage just bought in Crenshaw.

## Mrs. J. M. Crowe Dies In Nashville

NASHVILLE (BP) — Mrs. Edna Earl Elliott Crowe, wife of J. M. Crowe, recently retired executive vice president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, died Jan. 25 at Park View Hospital here.

Mrs. Crowe, 67, was born in King and Queen County, Va. She was graduated from Averett College, Danville, Va., and Southern Seminary (WMU Training School), Louisville.

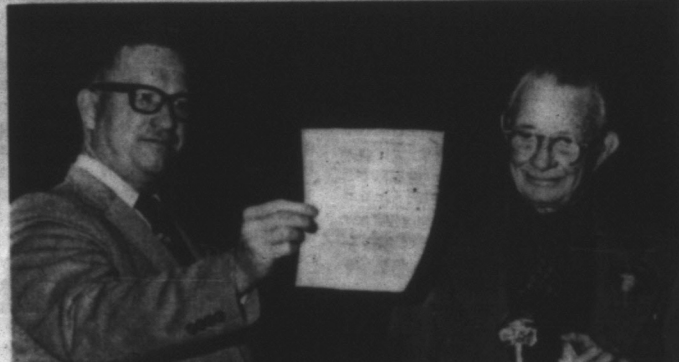
A member of Brookside Church, Nashville, she is survived, in addition to her husband, by two sons, three daughters, three brothers, two sisters and 14 grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted in Nashville.

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## Union, Tylertown, Burns Note

At Union Church, Tylertown, Rev. W. M. Bowman, former pastor, struck the match for the recent note burning. Five years ago the church borrowed \$35,000 to remodel the sanctuary and build a parsonage. The terms of the loan gave the church twelve years to repay, but they finished the payments seven years early. As the note crumbled into ashes, Rev. Harold Wilson, pastor, complimented the members on their "faithfulness in stewardship." Mr. Bowman delivered a message based on Psalm 116.



## Conehatta Burns Pastorium Note

Conehatta Church recently burned a pastorium note for \$8,500. The pastor's home, dedicated in July, was paid for by October. Left to right, above: Charles Morrow, Building Committee chm.; Clebe Nichols, chairman of deacons; Rev. Tommy Titus, pastor; and Dr. Charles Melton, Newton County director of missions, who delivered the morning message.



## Education Commission Meets At Carey

William Carey College was the setting on January 22, for the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission. Host member, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of Carey College, poses at left with Dr. E. R. Jobe, vice-chairman, center, and Dr. Joe Tuten, chairman. Other members of the Commission are in the background.

## Missionaries In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Craig A. Steele, newly appointed missionaries to Brazil, have arrived on the field (address: Caixa 1635, 13100 Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil).

Mr. and Mrs. Roger M. Bostick, newly employed missionary associates to Rhodesia, have arrived on the field (address: PB 735, Gatooma, Rhodesia).

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hartcock, newly employed missionary associates to the Leeward Islands, have arrived on the field (address: P. O. Box 353, St. John's Antigua, W. I.).

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Lee Jr., newly appointed missionaries to Spain, are in language school (address: Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica).

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy L. Barrantine, newly appointed missionaries to Paraguay, are attending language school (address: Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica).

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Parker, missionaries to Chile, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Casilla 88, Talca, Chile). He is a native of Lucedale.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob E. Simmons, missionary associates, have transferred from Hong Kong to the Philippines (address: Box 7, Baguio, Philippines).

Mr. and Mrs. Michel S. Simoneaux, missionaries to Japan, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Mrs. Bonnie Ball, 510 Grant St., Summit, Miss. 39066).

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Long, missionaries to Belgium on furlough, may be addressed at 1625 Easy St., Yazoo City, Miss. 39194.

Antonina Camoneri, missionary to the Bahamas, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: 2639 Clinton Blvd., Jackson, Miss. 39206).